

Pensions

Adult Pension Rates

Single*	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Base	\$1,002.50	\$1,020.60	\$18.10	pf
Supplement	\$80.10	\$81.60	\$1.50	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$1,096.70	\$1,116.30	\$19.60	pf
Partnered (each)				
Base	\$755.70	\$769.30	\$13.60	pf
Supplement	\$60.40	\$61.50	\$1.10	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$826.70	\$841.40	\$14.70	pf

* Also illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol.

Adult Transitional Pension Rate

Resident in Australia

Single	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$892.70	\$908.80	\$16.10	pf
Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	-	pf
Total	\$906.80	\$922.90	\$16.10	pf
Partnered (each)	-	-	-	
Maximum Transitional Pension Rate	\$721.00	\$734.00	\$13.00	pf
Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	-	pf
Total	\$731.60	\$744.60	\$13.00	pf

Not resident in Australia or absent for period > 6 weeks

Single	\$818.60	\$833.30	\$14.70	pf
Partnered (each)	\$684.20	\$696.50	\$12.30	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Basic Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$27.80	\$28.30	\$0.50	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$27.80	\$28.30	\$0.50	pf
Partnered (each)	\$22.90	\$23.30	\$0.40	pf

Adult Pension Supplement Minimum Amount

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$43.10	\$43.90	\$0.80	pf
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$43.10	\$43.90	\$0.80	pf
Partnered (each)	\$32.50	\$33.10	\$0.60	pf

Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$2,397.40	\$2,436.60	\$39.20	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,666.80	\$3,725.60	\$58.80	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,746.80	\$4,825.20	\$78.40	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$2,264.60	\$2,301.80	\$37.20	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,474.40	\$3,530.40	\$56.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,481.20	\$4,555.60	\$74.40	pf

Transitional Pension Disqualifying Income Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$2,471.00	\$2,511.25	\$40.25	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,495.60	\$2,535.85	\$40.25	pf
Couple (combined)	\$4,018.00	\$4,083.00	\$65.00	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,894.00	\$4,974.50	\$80.50	pf
Family Situation - Non-Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase	
Single	\$2,250.50	\$2,287.25	\$36.75	pf
Single + 1 dependent child	\$2,275.10	\$2,311.85	\$36.75	pf
Couple (combined)	\$3,781.00	\$3,842.50	\$61.50	pf
Illness-separated (couple combined)	\$4,453.00	\$4,526.50	\$73.50	pf

Pensions (continued)

Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$667,500	\$674,000	\$6,500
Single, non-homeowner	\$909,500	\$916,000	\$6,500
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$1,003,000	\$1,012,500	\$9,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,245,000	\$1,254,500	\$9,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,003,000	\$1,012,500	\$9,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,245,000	\$1,254,500	\$9,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,183,000	\$1,196,000	\$13,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,425,000	\$1,438,000	\$13,000
Family Situation - Non-Resident			
Single, homeowner	\$645,250	\$651,500	\$6,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$887,250	\$893,500	\$6,250
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$971,000	\$980,000	\$9,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,213,000	\$1,222,000	\$9,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$971,000	\$980,000	\$9,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,213,000	\$1,222,000	\$9,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,138,500	\$1,151,000	\$12,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,380,500	\$1,393,000	\$12,500

Transitional Rate Pension Disqualifying Assets Limits

Family Situation - Resident	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, homeowner	\$604,250	\$609,500	\$5,250
Single, non-homeowner	\$846,250	\$851,500	\$5,250
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$939,500	\$948,000	\$8,500
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,181,500	\$1,190,000	\$8,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$939,500	\$948,000	\$8,500
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,181,500	\$1,190,000	\$8,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$1,056,500	\$1,067,000	\$10,500
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,298,500	\$1,309,000	\$10,500
Family Situation - Non-Resident			
Single, homeowner	\$574,750	\$579,750	\$5,000
Single, non-homeowner	\$816,750	\$821,750	\$5,000
Couple (combined), homeowner	\$908,000	\$916,000	\$8,000
Couple (combined), non-homeowner	\$1,150,000	\$1,158,000	\$8,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), homeowner	\$908,000	\$916,000	\$8,000
One partner eligible (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,150,000	\$1,158,000	\$8,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), homeowner	\$997,500	\$1,007,500	\$10,000
Illness-separated (couple combined), non-homeowner	\$1,239,500	\$1,249,500	\$10,000

Pension Bonus Scheme*

Single

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
1	\$2,518.10	\$2,563.50	\$45.40
2	\$10,072.20	\$10,254.00	\$181.80
3	\$22,662.50	\$23,071.60	\$409.10
4	\$40,288.90	\$41,016.20	\$727.30
5	\$62,951.30	\$64,087.80	\$1,136.50

Partnered (each)

Years (Bonus Periods)	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
1	\$1,902.90	\$1,937.10	\$34.20
2	\$7,611.60	\$7,748.50	\$136.90
3	\$17,126.10	\$17,434.00	\$307.90
4	\$30,446.40	\$30,993.80	\$547.40
5	\$47,572.50	\$48,427.90	\$855.40

*No new entrants post-20 September 2009.

Pension Supplement Component for Pension Bonus

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single	\$722.80	\$735.80	\$13.00 pa
Illness-separated, respite care or partner in gaol	\$722.80	\$735.80	\$13.00 pa
Partnered (each)	\$595.40	\$605.80	\$10.40 pa

Allowances

Allowance Rates (JobSeeker Payment, Special Benefit)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$749.20	\$762.70	\$13.50 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$802.50	\$816.90	\$14.40 pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months	\$802.50	\$816.90	\$14.40 pf
Partnered (each)	\$686.00	\$698.30	\$12.30 pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$970.20	\$987.70	\$17.50 pf

*Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Energy Supplement (JobSeeker Payment, Special Benefit)*

Family Situation - under Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$8.80	\$8.80	- pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test	\$12.00	\$12.00	- pf

Family Situation - over Age Pension age	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
Partnered (each)	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf

*Energy Supplement is not indexed.

Pension Supplement for Allowance Recipients Over Age Pension Age (Special Benefit, ABSTUDY, Parenting Payment, Austudy)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single Allowance Supplement	\$80.10	\$81.60	\$1.50 pf
Partnered Allowance Supplement	\$60.40	\$61.50	\$1.10 pf

Income Limits for JobSeeker Payment

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 22 or over, no children	\$1,431.00	\$1,453.50	\$22.50 pf
Single, 22 or over, with children	\$1,521.00	\$1,545.00	\$24.00 pf
Single, 55 or over, after 9 months*	\$1,532.34	\$1,556.34	\$24.00 pf
Partnered (each)	\$1,324.17	\$1,344.67	\$20.50 pf
Single, 22 or over, principal carer with children*	\$2,197.00	\$2,233.00	\$36.00 pf
Single, principal carer, exempt from activity test*	\$2,622.50	\$2,666.25	\$43.75 pf
Single income couple	\$2,481.50	\$2,522.00	\$40.50 pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

Partner Income Free Areas for Allowances (JobSeeker Payment, Parenting Payment Partnered, Youth Allowance, Austudy)~

Partner income test - partner income free area~			
Partner aged between 22 and Age Pension age	\$1,325.00	\$1,345.00	\$20.00 pf
Partner aged under 22, no children	\$1,244.00	\$1,244.00	- pf
Partner aged under 22, with children	\$1,333.00	\$1,333.00	- pf

~ Different policy applies if partner is a pensioner.

Youth Allowance Rates

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$970.20	\$987.70	\$17.50 pf

*Rate includes amount of Basic Pension Supplement (for under Age Pension age recipients).

Income Limits for Youth Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, principal carer of child, exempt from activity test*	\$1,815.00	\$1,844.17	\$29.17 pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

ABSTUDY**Living Allowance Rates**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$749.20	\$762.70	\$13.50 pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$749.20	\$762.70	\$13.50 pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$749.20	\$762.70	\$13.50 pf
55 years or over	\$802.50	\$816.90	\$14.40 pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$686.00	\$698.30	\$12.30 pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$802.50	\$816.90	\$14.40 pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$686.00	\$698.30	\$12.30 pf

Energy Supplement for Living Allowance*

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Standard			
22 years or over, at home	\$8.80	\$8.80	- pf
Away from home			
22 years or over	\$8.80	\$8.80	- pf
Independent single, no children			
22 years or over	\$8.80	\$8.80	- pf
55 years or over	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Independent partnered, no children			
22 years or over	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
Independent, single with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$9.50	\$9.50	- pf
Independent, partnered with dependent child			
22 years or over	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
Over Age Pension age			
Single	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
Partnered	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf

*Energy Supplement is not indexed.

Personal Income Limits for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Over 22 years			
Single, no children	\$1,789.17	\$1,811.67	\$22.50 pf
Partnered	\$1,682.34	\$1,702.84	\$20.50 pf
Single, with dependants	\$1,879.17	\$1,903.17	\$24.00 pf
Aged 55 or over*	\$1,890.50	\$1,914.50	\$24.00 pf

*Includes Pharmaceutical Allowance.

Partner income free area for Living Allowance

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20-Apr-1902	Increase
Partner aged 22 and over, no dependent children	\$1,325.00	\$1,345.00	\$20.00 pf

Parenting Payment

Parenting Payment Rates

Under Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$942.40	\$959.40	\$17.00 pf
	Supplement	\$27.80	\$28.30	\$0.50 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$12.00	\$12.00	- pf
	Total	\$982.20	\$999.70	\$17.50 pf
Partnered Parents	Base Allowance	\$686.00	\$698.30	\$12.30 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$7.90	\$7.90	- pf
	Total	\$693.90	\$706.20	\$12.30 pf
Over Age Pension age		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single Parent	Base Pension	\$942.40	\$959.40	\$17.00 pf
	Supplement	\$80.10	\$81.60	\$1.50 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$14.10	\$14.10	- pf
	Total	\$1,036.60	\$1,055.10	\$18.50 pf
Partnered	Base Allowance	\$686.00	\$698.30	\$12.30 pf
	Supplement	\$60.40	\$61.50	\$1.10 pf
	Energy Supplement	\$10.60	\$10.60	- pf
	Total	\$757.00	\$770.40	\$13.40 pf

Income Test for Parenting Payment[#]

Partnered		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Partner income free area		\$1,325.00	\$1,345.00	\$20.00 pf
<i>For part payment of additional rate, all of the following conditions must be met:</i>				
- recipient's income must be less than		\$1,324.17	\$1,344.67	\$20.50 pf
- partner's income must be less than		\$2,481.50	\$2,522.00	\$40.50 pf
- combined income must be less than		\$2,649.17	\$2,689.67	\$40.50 pf
<i>If partner is on pension,</i>				
couple's combined income must be less than		\$2,648.34	\$2,689.34	\$41.00 pf
Single*		Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Income Free area		\$214.60	\$214.60	- pf
<i>Disqualifying Income Limits</i>				
- under Age Pension age, including Pharmaceutical Allowance		\$2,687.10	\$2,730.85	\$43.75 pf

[#] Income limits for allowance recipients over Age Pension age may differ from these amounts.

*Income free areas and income limits for parents with more than one child differ from these amounts.

Rent Assistance - for payments under the Social Security Act**Maximum Payment**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single	\$184.80	\$188.20	\$3.40 pf
Single, sharer	\$123.20	\$125.47	\$2.27 pf
Couple	\$174.00	\$177.20	\$3.20 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$184.80	\$188.20	\$3.40 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$174.00	\$177.20	\$3.20 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single	\$143.40	\$146.00	\$2.60 pf
Single, sharer	\$143.40	\$146.00	\$2.60 pf
Couple	\$232.40	\$236.60	\$4.20 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$143.40	\$146.00	\$2.60 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$143.40	\$146.00	\$2.60 pf

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single	\$389.80	\$396.94	\$7.14 pf
Single, sharer	\$307.67	\$313.29	\$5.62 pf
Couple	\$464.40	\$472.87	\$8.47 pf
Partnered, illness-separated	\$389.80	\$396.94	\$7.14 pf
Partnered, temporarily separated	\$375.40	\$382.27	\$6.87 pf

Rent Assistance - for payments under the Family Assistance Act**Maximum Payment**

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$217.28	\$221.20	\$3.92 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$245.42	\$249.90	\$4.48 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$217.28	\$221.20	\$3.92 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$245.42	\$249.90	\$4.48 pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$217.28	\$221.20	\$3.92 pf
3 or more children	\$245.42	\$249.90	\$4.48 pf

Rent Threshold

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$188.44	\$191.80	\$3.36 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$188.44	\$191.80	\$3.36 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$278.46	\$283.50	\$5.04 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$278.46	\$283.50	\$5.04 pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$188.44	\$191.80	\$3.36 pf
3 or more children	\$188.44	\$191.80	\$3.36 pf

Rent Ceiling

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single, 1 or 2 children	\$478.15	\$486.74	\$8.59 pf
Single, 3 or more children	\$515.67	\$525.00	\$9.33 pf
Couple, 1 or 2 children	\$568.17	\$578.44	\$10.27 pf
Couple, 3 or more children	\$605.69	\$616.70	\$11.01 pf
Couple, Illness-separated, Temporarily Separated	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
1 or 2 children	\$478.15	\$486.74	\$8.59 pf
3 or more children	\$515.67	\$525.00	\$9.33 pf

Miscellaneous Amounts

Utilities Allowance (Paid Quarterly: 20 March, 20 June, 20 September, 20 December)

Payable to Disability Support Pension under 21 without children.

	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Annual Amount (single or couple combined)	\$750.80	\$764.40	\$13.60 pa
Quarterly Payment (single or couple combined)	\$187.70	\$191.10	\$3.40 pq

Individuals in receipt of an income support payment that attracts a Pension Supplement do not receive Utilities Allowance.

Health Care Cards (HCC)

To claim a card, average weekly income for previous 8 weeks must be less than:

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single (no children)	\$757.00	\$769.00	\$12.00 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,295.00	\$1,315.00	\$20.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,295.00	\$1,315.00	\$20.00 pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$34.00	\$34.00	- pw

Income limits for Health Care Cards (HCC)

Family Situation	Previous Amount	20 Mar 2024	Increase
Single (no children)	\$946.25	\$961.25	\$15.00 pw
Couple, combined (no children)	\$1,618.75	\$1,643.75	\$25.00 pw
Single, one dependent child	\$1,618.75	\$1,643.75	\$25.00 pw
For each additional dependent child add	\$42.50	\$42.50	- pw